



SELECTED EVENTS – January to April 2005

First Annual Saalbach Lecture in Leipzig



Dr. Horst Saalbach

April 30, 2005. Dr. Horst Saalbach, a successful American entrepreneur who grew up in Leipzig, Saxony, introduced the First Annual Saalbach Lecture to a highly interested audience at the Leipzig Gewandhaus. The event was supported by Professor Crister Garrett of the University's American Studies Department and Consulate General Leipzig. Consul General Fletcher Burton, who greeted the audience, pointed to the importance of spending time abroad. The lecture, followed by a reception, drew about 150 students, faculty, and Leipzig community leaders.

Dr. Martin Gillo, the keynote speaker, member of the Saxon State Parliament and former State Minister for Economics spoke, on "Why Americans Favor Investing in Saxony," thus highlighting the U.S. economic presence in the region.



Consul General Fletcher Burton welcomes the guests of the first annual Saalbach lecture at the Gewandhaus Leipzig



Dr. Martin Gillo, Member of the Saxon State Parliament



Prof. Hartmut Keil, University of Leipzig, American Studies Department

April 28, 2005

A group of English teachers from Stadtroda/Thuringia came to the Consulate General's Information Resource Center (IRC) to attend a workshop organized by IRC staff. Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky and Political Specialist Andreas Fuerst engaged the teachers in a discussion on transatlantic relations and American political culture.

April 28, 2005

Chargé d'Affaires John A. Cloud, U.S. Embassy Berlin, and Leipzig Consul General Fletcher Burton joined Saxony-Anhalt parliamentarians for the commemorations of the 60th anniversary of the liberation of Magdeburg. Referring to the date of liberation, State Parliamentary President Adolf Spotka called May 8, "the day when Germany abandoned a horribly wrong track in its history." Later in the day, Chargé Cloud, the British and the Russian Ambassadors, were engaged by German high school students in a lively discussion on Germany's history and current political issues.

April 28, 2005

About 250 illustrious guests from Leipzig and the German media landscape gathered at the city hall for the 5th award ceremony honoring selected journalists with the Leipzig "Prize for Freedom and Future of the Media." This year's 30,000 Euro award went in equal parts to Russian journalist Anna Politkovskaja, German reporters Hans-Martin Tillack and Britta Peterson, and U.S. journalist Seymour Hersh for defending freedom of the press and journalistic ethics. In the afternoon, the four award winners participated in panel discussions focusing on the tough environment and working conditions of investigative journalists. Leipzig Consul General Fletcher Burton and Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky represented the Consulate at the award ceremony.

April 28, 2005

Consulate General Leipzig staff represented the Consulate at a concert staged by students of the Leipzig University and the University of Music "Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy". The young musicians played music by American, European and Jewish composers. The organizers made a deliberate effort to include works by American composers to emphasize the concert's theme: "Music brings the world together."

April 28, 2005

Professor Kenneth Stein, Director of the Middle East Research Program and Institute for the Study of Modern Israel and one of America's most prominent experts on the region, explained to more than 200 students and staff at Jena University the most recent developments in the "Arab World." Stein analyzed historic roots and the perspectives of the Arab-Israeli conflict, which he described as a war about culture rather than about land. Professor Stein fascinated his audience with the reasons for failure and progress in the Palestinian conflict as well as the Middle East as a whole, thus providing a differentiated picture of U.S. policies in the region.

Chemnitz and Zwickau Language Students Visit the U.S. Consulate General Leipzig



April 26, 2005. Some 25 participants of English language courses from the adult education centers of the rural districts Chemnitz and Zwickau in Saxony visited the Consulate General Leipzig, accompanied by their part-time teacher in adult education. Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky talked about consular duties and services, while staff of the Consulate's Information Resource Center (IRC) introduced its resources and services and presented USA information on the WWW.

Chemnitz and Zwickau language students and their part-time teacher in adult education (second row, center) in front of the Consulate General.

April 26, 2005

Constance Bartlett Schulz, University of South Carolina/University of Genoa, launched a lecture series on U.S. history, policy and culture in Leipzig, which will bring American Fulbright Professors from European universities to eastern Germany. Schulz introduced LIFE Magazine's coverage of the Vietnam War, especially documentary photography, to her student audience.

Visit of Chargé d'Affaires John Cloud and Mrs. Cloud to Torgau



Chargé Cloud, Edgar Parsons, Alexander Silwasko

April 25, 2005. Chargé d'Affaires John Cloud, U.S. Embassy Berlin, and Mrs. Cloud visited Torgau on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the liberation of Torgau, the so-called "Elbe-Day". Accompanied by Consul General Fletcher Burton, Consul for Political and Economic Affairs Eleanore Fox, Captain Farawell and Lt. Commander Rielage, Defense Attaché's Office, they met with the Mayor of Torgau and joined a ceremony at the "Fahnenmonument" on the East Bank of the Elbe where the honor guard ceremonies and wreath-laying took place. They proceeded to the statue on the West Bank of the Elbe to commemorate the meeting between Russian and American troops, and the Chargé delivered a commemorative address.

This was followed by laying flowers first at the grave of Joe Polowsky and then at the Russian cemetery. Numerous veterans from the U.S. and Russia were attending too.

- [Text of speech by the Chargé d'Affaires John Cloud](#)



Minister-President Georg Milbradt addresses the participants of the Elbe-Day ceremonies: 60th anniversary of the liberation of Torgau



Chargé d'Affaires John Cloud (front, center), U.S. Veteran Edgar Parsons (right of Cloud), Consul General Fletcher Burton (rear, center) join the wreath-laying ceremony at the east bank of the Elbe



Alexander Silwasko, Russian Veteran (center), Edgar Parsons (rear, center) and other veterans during the wreath-laying ceremony at the Russian Cemetery



Alexander Silwasko, Russian veteran, at the grave of Joe Polowsky



Honor guard ceremony



U.S. Veteran Joe Lipsius (center) and Consul for Political and Economic Affairs Eleanore Fox, Consulate General Leipzig

U.S. Consulate General Presents U.S. Information at Torgau Public Library



April 23, 2005. Consulate General Leipzig presented USA information at Torgau's public library on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the liberation. Consul for Political and Economic Affairs Eleanore Fox did a Q&A session for the general public and performed a quiz for students at the Consulate's booth. The Jazz poster show put on display at the library also attracted visitors of the Public Library.

Consul Fox and the winner of the USA quiz



Torgau high school students study USA information at the booth of the Consulate General Leipzig, presented at Torgau Public Library



At Torgau Public Library: Geertje Huendorf, Information Resource Center (IRC) Leipzig; Consul for Political and Economic Affairs Eleanore Fox, Consulate General Leipzig; Evelyn Rohland, head of Torgau Public Library; Thea Bohse, IRC Leipzig (from right)



Jazz poster show on display at Torgau Public Library

April 22, 2005

Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky represented the Consulate General Leipzig at the opening of the exhibit "Cowboys" at the neighboring Gallery for Modern Art. The show featured photographs of cowboy clubs that existed in the GDR. The clubs were seen as a way of identifying with the United States and as a subtle resistance to the communist state. As one club put it, "We are the private rebels."

U.S. Veterans Visit Leipzig



Joseph Lipsius, Dr. Volker Rodekamp, Eleanore Fox (from left)

April 21 - 22, 2005. The visit of U.S. veterans to the Leipzig Consulate General district brought back memories all around. While the detailed accounts of veterans Joe Lipsius and Edgar Parsons left a deep impression on the students of the Kant Gymnasium and the Berufsschulzentrum 6, the veterans' tour of the liberation exhibit at Leipzig's City Museum held some emotional moments of its own with Joe Lipsius detecting himself on the photograph of the city's surrender and another veteran meeting his war-time sweetheart. In the evening, Lord Mayor Wolfgang Tiefensee hosted the veterans for dinner and took part in a discussion at the Leipzig city museum of U.S and German witnesses to the final days of the war.



Mr. Lipsius (right), U.S. veteran, at Immanuel-Kant high school, Leipzig. Mr. Engel, English teacher (left)



Joseph Lipsius, a WW II veteran, in discussion with students at Immanuel-Kant high school, Leipzig



In Front of Leipzig City Museum: Mr. Edgar Parsons, a WW II Veteran from the U.S.; Dr. Volker Rodekamp, Director of the City Museum Leipzig; German prisoner of war (from left)



Mr. Edgar Parsons, WW II veteran; Dr. Volker Rodekamp, Director of the City Museum Leipzig; German prisoner of war; local TV team (from left)



Mr. Kaufmann, City Museum Leipzig; Joseph Lipsius, WW II veteran; Geertje Huendorf, Consulate General Leipzig, Information Resource Center



U.S. veteran meets his war-time sweetheart

April 20, 2005

Leipzig Consulate General staffer Birgit Kämmer, Cultural Affairs Assistant, lectured on current visa regulations and the visa application process to students at the University of Applied Sciences Magdeburg-Stendal. The two-hour event drew an audience of 45 students and faculty members, the majority of whom had already been accepted at an American university or who plan to continue their education abroad. Kämmer explained the modalities of the SEVIS fee, and illustrated step by step which documents are needed to apply for a visa. The visa application process and newspaper articles about changing passport regulations continue to be a source of uncertainty among German Students.

April 19, 2005

Leipzig Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky delivered the main address at the commemoration of the end of World War II in Wurzen, a food-processing town which controlled a key location on the Mulde River. Eyewitnesses to the end of the war contributed to the program. The children of the mayor and pastor who had peacefully surrendered the town to the American military were also present.

April 18, 2005

As an early Earth Day program, Samuel Napolitano, Director of the Clean Air Markets Division at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Washington (D.C.), explained American air quality management to scientists from Leipzig's Environmental Research Center. Napolitano impressed his expert audience, which held a special interest in the problems caused by fine and ultra-fine particles, by outlining the effectiveness of U.S. federal activities to improve air quality. Due to new EU guidelines, air pollution from fine particles dominated the headlines during the week of Napolitano's visit.

April 16, 2005

Consul General Fletcher M. Burton opened the exhibit "Liberation: The Americans in Leipzig" at Leipzig's city museum. The exhibition brought together material on the American troops who liberated Leipzig at the end of World War II. The exhibit will also include lectures on U.S. reporters and photographers Robert Capa and Lee Miller, a meeting between U.S. war veterans and local witnesses to the war events and a movie showing of Leipzig at the end of WWII.

April 16, 2005

Leipzig Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky participated at the 60th anniversary commemoration of the liberation of Colditz Castle, which became well known as a prison for Allied officers during World War II. Dr. Bonkowsky met with Polish and British veterans and their families, and introduced the American play "The Man Who Came to Dinner," which had been presented by the prisoners during their incarceration. The Consulate supported the English-language theater group at Leipzig University for the production, which was shown during the week in Leipzig.

Chargé d'Affaires John A. Cloud Visits Stendal, Saxony-Anhalt

April 15, 2005. Chargé d'Affaires John A. Cloud received a warm welcome in northern Saxony-Anhalt during his visit to Stendal. The Chargé conducted a lively exchange with Lord Mayor Schmotz and Stendal community leaders, which highlighted the city's economic prospects and challenges. The Chargé also met with representatives from the local university for applied sciences and visited the nearby birthplace of Bismarck, which now houses a museum.



Chargé d'Affaires John Cloud (center) signs the golden book of the city of Stendal at the city hall. From left: Lord Mayor Schmotz; John Cloud; Fletcher Burton, Consul General



Chargé d'Affaires John A. Cloud signing the golden book.



Chargé d'Affaires John Cloud and Stendal community leaders at city hall



Chargé d'Affaires John Cloud and Curator Torsten Buchholz of the Bismarck-Museum in Schönhausen



Visit of Chargé d'Affaires John Cloud, Curator Torsten Buchholz, Bismarck-Museum, and Consul General Fletcher Burton at the Bismarck-Museum in Schönhausen

April 13, 2005

A wreath-laying ceremony in Gardelegen commemorated the deaths of over 1000 prisoners who were herded together in this small town and then burned as the American troops were approaching. The commanding American officer oversaw the burial of the victims in a cemetery that was declared to be under American protection. Leipzig Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky participated in the dedication of a monument at the site of the atrocity and met with children of Holocaust victims and a high school group that actively supported the commemoration.

April 12, 2005

Consul General Fletcher M. Burton spoke on the anniversary of the city's liberation at Lepsius-Gymnasium in Naumburg. After meeting the Lord Mayor of Naumburg the Consul General delivered a word of greeting at the memorial ceremony on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of WWII's end at the Marien-Magdalenen-Church.

April 9, 2005

Chargé d'Affaires John Cloud traveled to Erfurt to open the exhibition "Exil und Moderne," a show of 20th century art from Washington University in St. Louis. Accompanied by Leipzig Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky, Chargé d'Affaires Cloud spoke about St. Louis as a gateway to the western United States and a center for German immigrants. Some 800 works in the Erfurt museum had been declared "degenerate" by the Nazis and thus hidden, sold off, or destroyed, but the Washington University curator – a Jewish art historian who had fled Hamburg -- managed to buy up a number of significant paintings with the support of St. Louis donors. Many of the pieces in the exhibit are returning to Germany for the first time since World War II.

April 8, 2005

Leipzig Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky was guest of honor at the third graduation reception of American Studies majors at Leipzig University. The American Studies Alumni Association organized a festive farewell for the 30 graduates of the classes of 2004 and 2005. In her remarks, Dr. Bonkowsky encouraged the graduates to explain American society and values to German audiences.

April 7 - 9, 2005

Consulate General Leipzig hosted Thuringian teachers of English at an in-service training conference in Eisenach. The conference, which was co-sponsored by the Thuringian Center for Political Education, centered on U.S. domestic and foreign policy, literary comments on 9/11 and the U.S. as a multicultural society. Featured U.S. speakers included Fulbright professors and a Bosch Fellow.

April 4, 2005

Leipzig Consul General Fletcher M. Burton took part in ceremonies in Gotha marking the 60th anniversary of the city's surrender to American troops. At the event, Gotha Mayor Volker Doenitz presented the Consul General with a duplicate of the city's capitulation note, which -- in the mayor's words -- "probably saved thousands of lives."

March 30, 2005

Leipzig Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky welcomed the head of the Saxony chapter of the German Library Association and 30 members representing public libraries to the Leipzig Consulate General. Dr. Bonkowsky discussed the Consulate's activities and services while staff of the Information Resource Center presented U.S. information on the Internet, IIP products, and IRC resources.

March 29, 2005

Leipzig Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky represented the Consulate at a concert in Leipzig by the Horace Mann secondary school of New York City. The concert, which featured both classical German and modern American music, was performed for the benefit of UNICEF. The musicians, many of whom also take instruction at The Juilliard School, New York, NY, were in the area to participate in a festival of secondary school music in Halle.

Dr. Michael Seadle, Michigan State University, Lectures at University of Applied Sciences, Leipzig

March 23, 2005. Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky hosted a luncheon for Dr. Michael Seadle, Assistant Director for Information Technology at Michigan State University and Editor of 'Library Hi Tech', at which he discussed joint German-American projects such as virtual periodical databases and Library Congress 2006. Guests included the directors and representatives from several libraries in the Leipzig Consulate General district, including the German National Library. In the afternoon, Dr. Seadle talked about *Services in Libraries* to a group of library and publishing students at the University of Applied Sciences.

March 22, 2005

This day marked a day of U.S. engagement in Saxony-Anhalt with the participation of Charge d'Affaires John Cloud in a tour of Dow Chemical's newly built PET factory and his visit to Mitteldeutsche Zeitung in Halle. In a press conference following the tour of the plant, which produces primarily plastic packaging materials, Minister for Traffic, Housing and Construction, Manfred Stolpe, highlighted the U.S. economic engagement of Dow Chemical, the largest single investor in eastern Germany.

March 20/21, 2005

Leipzig Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky represented the Consulate General at the celebrations surrounding the 320th birthday of Johann Sebastian Bach, which were held March 20-21 at the Thomas Church and Bach Archives in Leipzig. Harvard University Professor and Bach scholar Dr. Christoph Wolff was the featured speaker.

The United States at the Leipzig Bookfair



At the Leipzig Book Fair 2005

signed books.

March 17-20, 2005. For the second time, the Leipzig Consulate General represented the U.S. at the Leipzig Book Fair from March 17-20. With 108,000 visitors and 2,142 exhibitors from 31 countries, the Fair logged a record attendance this year and further established its reputation as a major German national event. The booth supported by the U.S. Embassy Berlin attracted about 300 interested visitors a day. Pamphlets, brochures, bookmarks and CD-ROMs "About the USA" were distributed. On March 18, Consul General Fletcher Burton and Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky hosted a reception at the fair. On March 18, American author Roger MacBride Allen read from his latest book "The Ocean of Years" and



Nancy Rajczak (left), Information Resource Center Coordinator in Germany, U.S. Embassy Berlin, and Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky, U.S. Consulate General Leipzig, at the booth of the Consulate General Leipzig



Visitors at the booth of the Consulate General Leipzig



Roger MacBride Allen, science fiction author, talks to students at the booth of the U.S. Consulate General Leipzig



Consul General Fletcher M. Burton (center) and Holly Murten, U.S. Embassy Berlin, talk to guests from Otto-von-Guericke University Magdeburg



Consul General Fletcher M. Burton welcomes the guests of the reception at the booth of the U.S. Consulate General Leipzig



Visitors at the U.S. Consulate General booth

March 15-18, 2005

Supported by the Consulate General Leipzig, the German Literature Institute Leipzig hosted its 1st International Congress of Creative Writing Programs (March 15-18), which took place in conjunction with the Leipzig Book Fair. American poet Cole Swensen and Christopher Merrill, Director of the International Writing Program, represented the University of Iowa Writers' Workshop, which instituted the first creative writing degree program in the U.S. and is serving as a model for contemporary writing programs worldwide.

March 10, 2005

On the occasion of a visit of students and teachers from the St. Paul High School in Concord (NH), Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky was invited to a panel discussion on "Educational Opportunities in the U.S. and Germany - A Comparison" at the Humboldt Gymnasium Leipzig. In the afternoon, Dr. Bonkowsky welcomed the St. Paul group and its German hosts to the Consulate where they visited the IRC and discussed German-American relations.

March 9/10, 2005

Dr. Joachim Roski, Assistant Vice President for Quality Measurement at the National Committee on Quality Assurance (NCQA) in Washington D.C., met representatives from Saxon Ministries and German counterparts in Dresden. In his lecture and discussions for personnel in the medical sector, which were part of a series of professional in-service training programs for the region, Roski compared Quality Assurance and Disease Management Programs in the U.S. and Germany.

March 7, 2005

Dr. Dennis Rich, Chairperson of the Arts, Entertainment & Media Management Department at Columbia College Chicago, conducted a workshop in Leipzig, which discussed general principles, but also problems and potential for fundraising with a view especially to eastern Germany. The 30 participants represented local cultural, social and educational institutions as well as NGOs, libraries, and professional or business associations.

March 1, 2005

Consul General Fletcher Burton participated in the press conference of the Magdeburg German-American Dialog Center announcing this year's grantees for a high school year in the U.S. The three students were thrilled about the opportunity to travel to the U.S. and the organizers expressed their appreciation for the Consulate's financial support for the program.

February 26, 2005

Leipzig Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky gave remarks at the opening of exhibit "Lyonel Feininger: Die Halle-Bilder" at Quedlinburg. The exhibit was the first joint presentation of the combined Halle and Quedlinburg collections of American-German artist Feininger who was driven out of Germany by the Nazis when the Bauhaus arts were declared "degenerate."

Black History Month: Workshop for English Teachers

February 25, 2005. Consulate General Leipzig organized a workshop for English Teachers on African-American History Month. Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky spoke to the participants about African-Americans in Contemporary U.S. Society. The consulate invited two speakers: American Studies scholar Dr. Cathrin Gersdorf introduced the teachers to African American Science Fiction & Fantasy Literature and artist Paula Ross lectured on African-American painter Alma Woodsey Thomas.

February 22-23, 2005

Leipzig U.S. Fulbright Professor Crister Garrett and Consul General Fletcher Burton prepared the ground for President Bush's visit to Germany by explaining U.S. positions and expectations to local media in the Leipzig consular district.

February 21, 2005

In the framework of the "Jazzmeile Thüringen" the trio of Chicago-based saxophone player Ken Vandermark performed in Jena, presenting American jazz to a large audience.

February 14, 2005

Former Ambassador Nicholas Platt, president emeritus of the Asia Society, visited Leipzig to meet with local Asia experts. During a round-table discussion, he presented his view on current developments in China, the Korean peninsula and Japan. Representatives of the academic, government and business professions joined the round-table.

February 13, 2005

Ambassador Daniel R. Coats and Mrs. Marsha Coats, Leipzig Consul General Fletcher Burton and Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky represented the U.S. at the commemorations marking the 60th anniversary of the Dresden bombing. The event, attended also by other allied representatives, attracted wide media and public attention for its demonstrations of peacefulness in the face of war and neo-Nazi demonstrations.

February 7, 2005

Dr. Stephen Szabo, Professor of European Studies at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), discussed at Dresden's School for International Studies the crisis in German-American relations. Szabo explained to his audience of students, professors, journalists and a public audience how the strategic relationship between both countries has evolved in the past few years and to what extent Europe's role has been reassessed by its ally.

February 1, 2005

Dr. James Bacchus, chairman of the Global Trade Practice Group, discussed with Halle-based lawyers, professors and students of Martin-Luther-University the status quo of and perspectives for the World Trade Organization (WTO). Other issues of interest were the effects of globalization, and the trade policy under the 2nd Bush Administration. Dr. Bacchus, a former U.S. Congressman, Member and Chairman of the Appellate Body of the WTO (the only North American in this function), described trade as a means -- not as an end -- for promoting democracy worldwide.

January 29, 2005

Leipzig Consul General Fletcher Burton represented the Consulate at the annual music gala of the German-American Federation of Country Music in Erfurt, featuring country music greats from both sides of the Atlantic. Consul General Burton welcomed the American performers and presented a posthumous award to John Denver, introducing him to the German Country Music hall of fame.

American Students Visit the Consulate General



January 27, 2005. Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky welcomes a group of American interns doing a program "Internship and Career Training" with InWEnt (Capacity Building International, Germany) at the Consulate General Leipzig. The Americans are living and working in Western Germany and attended a week-long seminar in the East.

Consul for Public Affairs, Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky, welcomes the American students at the Consulate General.

January 27, 2005

Dr. Horace Huntley, Professor of History at the University of Alabama, introduced to Leipzig University and high school students the "Oral History Project" of the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute. Huntley shared personal memories and illustrated the importance of the audio and videotape project, which gives a voice to the normally nameless and faceless participants in the civil rights movement. Professor Hartmut Keil, American Studies Department, University of Leipzig, welcomed Dr. Huntley's presentation as a valuable follow-up to a student excursion to the Deep South.

Leipzig Lawyers Association Visits the Consulate General



January 27, 2005. 30 lawyers from the Leipzig Lawyers Association visited the Consulate General Leipzig to gather information on consular duties and services. The event included remarks by Consul for Political and Economic Affairs Eleanore Fox and other consulate's staff members. The Information Resource Center (IRC) introduced its resources and services.

Beate Renker (right), Cultural Affairs Assistant, U.S. Consulate General, talks about the Sister City partnership program.

January 26, 2005

Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky opened a poster show on American jazz at the Immanuel-Kant-Gymnasium, Leipzig, a magnet school for the creative arts. Bonkowsky spoke on the fusion of African American and Jewish music, which created mainstream American jazz in the United States. Goodman, Gershwin, and Bernstein, children of Jews victimized by pogroms in the Russian empire, picked up jazz rhythms and worked with African American jazz greats to create music that is considered typically American. Students presented a program of American blues, gospel and jazz music.

January 26, 2005

Das Information Resource Center Leipzig und seine englischsprachigen Quellen.
Informationsveranstaltung für Bibliothekare in Zusammenarbeit mit dem BIB Berufsverband Information Bibliothek e.V., LG-Sachsen.
Veranstaltungsort: Amerikanisches Generalkonsulat Leipzig

January 25, 2005

Consul General Fletcher M. Burton delivered a speech and power point presentation as a part of a lecture series entitled "Views of the World" at the Academy of Visual Arts in Leipzig. Consul General Burton spoke about the role of culture in transatlantic relations from an American perspective. Burton and the students engaged in a lively dialogue about German-American cultural and also political relations at the event.

January 21, 2005

Consul Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky welcomed upper-level English language classes from Wurzen to the Information Resource Center of the U.S. Consulate General and led a discussion on the Bush inauguration.

Visit of Ambassador Daniel R. Coats and Mrs. Coats to Leipzig

January 18, 2005. Ambassador Daniel R. Coats and his wife Marsha visited Leipzig on January 18. They met with teachers of the teacher exchange program at MDR headquarters, Leipzig's broadcasting station 'Mitteldeutscher Rundfunk'. The teacher's program was followed by an TV interview with the evening news program MRD-Aktuell.

In the evening, Ambassador Coats gave a farewell speech before an invited audience of 200 at the Federal Administrative Court in Leipzig, which was followed by mingling with the guests, among them students from the American studies department of the University of Leipzig and members of the American Chamber of Commerce. Ambassador Coats and his wife also visited the U.S. Consulate General Leipzig to say goodbye to the staff.



Ambassador Coats, Consul General Fletcher M. Burton and Consulate General staff meet teachers at the MDR, Leipzig's broadcasting station 'Mitteldeutscher Rundfunk'



Eckart Hien (left), President, Federal Administrative Court, Ambassador Coats and his wife, Consul General Fletcher M. Burton (right), at the Federal Administrative Court in Leipzig



Eckart Hien, President, Federal Administrative Court, welcomes the 200 guests to the farewell speech of Ambassador Daniel R. Coats



Students from local radio mephisto 97.6, University of Leipzig, interview Ambassador Coats (right)



Marsha Coats (right) and Consul Eleanore Fox during the meeting with staff members of the Consulate General.



Ambassador Coats and his wife receive farewell gifts from Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky (right)



Ambassador Daniel Coats and his wife (center) and the two groups of teachers, participants of the U.S. study tours in 2004, at the Leipzig broadcasting station MDR, Mitteldeutscher Rundfunk



MDR Television shoots the meeting of Ambassador Coats and his wife with the teachers of the teacher exchange program at MDR headquarters. Mr. Braungarten (center) and Mrs. Jarosch.



Ambassador Coats (left), reads the newspaper article about Bärbel Lindner (right), teacher from the high school in Schneeberg, Saxony. Center: Richard Yoneoka, staff assistant of Ambassador Coats.



Teachers, who participated in the October 2004 teacher's exchange program, view photos of their visit to the U.S. Front: Mrs. Irmscher (left) and Mrs. Rohr. Rear: Dr. Schulz (left) and Mrs. Stier.



Marsha Coats (center), Kerstin Jarosch and Andreas Kurzhals study photos of the U.S. visit



Ambassador Daniel R. Coats (left) talks to the staff members of the Consulate General Leipzig. Right: Consul General Fletcher M. Burton

January 14, 2005

Consul Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky visited the Gutenberg vocational school, which has close ties to the Leipzig printing industry. The occasion was the dedication of modern computer equipment (Hewlett-Packard) for producing commercial advertisements and posters. In the past, the Consulate has supported the school library with reference books.

Consul for Political Affairs Talks to Students at Mölkau Branch Library



January 12, 2005. Consul for Political and Economic Affairs Eleanore Fox, U.S. Consulate General Leipzig, talked to 25 9th and 10th grade students about U.S. society at Leipzig's branch library Mölkau. Fox also provided an overview of the consulate, its tasks and its German and American staff. The IRC director presented books on U.S. society, history and geography, which had been acquired for Mölkau's USA collection, and introduced the group to gateways to USA information by using the CD-ROM 'About the USA'.

Consul for Political and Economic Affairs Eleanore Fox (right), U.S. Consulate General Leipzig, talks to high school students at Mölkau library.